



NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
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NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR LAKE GREGORY DREDGING GIVEN TO LOCAL CONTRACTOR

Long awaited silt management project set to get underway

The swim beach at Lake Gregory Regional Park in Crestline will soon get its needed face lift.

County Regional Parks Department recently solicited bids to remove approximately 10,000 cubic yards of silt from above and below the water line in the swim beach area. Eight contractors responded and the contract will be offered to the lowest bidder, WTA Construction which is based locally in the San Bernardino mountains.

With the notice of award, the contractor will have 10 days to produce bonds and insurance before the project can proceed. Once the contract is finalized, the contractor is required to prepare and submit a mandatory Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan to the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board. The contract term is 60-days and the contractor will be required to complete all the work within that time frame.

With final approval of the plan, the contractor will be clear to begin the physical work on the swim beach project.

I can assure members of the Crestline community that this project is and continues to be a top priority, and we will all benefit from quality work that will restore the lake,” said Rick Dinon, Chair of the Lake Gregory Improvement Committee.

“This lake is an asset to the entire mountain community and it is our aim to maintain its health and beauty,” said Keith Lee, Director of San Bernardino County Regional Parks.

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Preteen Vaccine Week

“Check your Adolescent’s Immunizations Every Year”

San Bernardino: Have you checked to see that your adolescent is up-to-date on his or her immunizations? The County of San Bernardino Department of Public Health is promoting Preteen Vaccine Week, February 10-16, 2013 as part of a statewide effort to remind families of preteens and adolescents about recommended and required immunizations.

Parents are encouraged to consult with their child’s medical provider to get the following recommended immunizations for preteens & adolescents 11-18 years of age:

- ☒ Meningococcal (meningitis) vaccine & booster shot
- ☒ Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis) booster shot
- ☒ A second varicella (chickenpox) shot
- ☒ HPV (Human Papillomavirus) – recommended for both girls and boys
- ☒ Seasonal flu shot
- ☒ Other immunizations may include hepatitis B, hepatitis A, MMR, and polio if they have not been previously vaccinated

“Protecting your adolescent’s health and future can be as easy as immunizing against vaccine preventable diseases,” said Maxwell Ohikhuare, M.D., County of San Bernardino Health Officer. “In order to stay healthy as an adolescent and to meet school entry requirements, we encourage families of preteens and adolescents to schedule a visit with their medical provider and get the immunizations they need.”

Getting immunizations during the adolescent years is just as important as early childhood immunizations. All incoming 7th graders must provide proof of being immunized against whooping cough (also known as pertussis) before starting 7th grade. Now is the perfect time to schedule an appointment with your child’s medical provider to ensure that your adolescent is up-to-date on all immunizations.

If your preteen or adolescent does not have health insurance or is underinsured, ask your medical provider or the local health department for information about the Vaccines for Children Program, which provides vaccines at low-cost. For County of San Bernardino Department of Public Health Clinic locations or to schedule an appointment, call 1-800-722-4777, Monday - Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., or visit www.sbcounty.gov/dph. For additional immunization information, please visit www.shotsforschool.org.

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Rancho Cucamonga Residents Invited to Participate On-Line – Help Shape the Future of Parks and Recreation in the Community

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 4, 2013

Rancho Cucamonga, CA – The City of Rancho Cucamonga, along with Greenplay, LLC, are pleased to announce the launch of “Rancho Cucamonga Community Ideas”, a new comprehensive community engagement website, developed by MindMixer as part of the Community Recreation Needs Assessment project recently launched. The website www.RCCCommunityIdeas.com provides an on-line tool where citizens can engage, communicate, and collaborate with the City and other residents on the qualities of the community they enjoy including discussion on the future of parks, recreation, cultural arts, services, programs, open spaces and trails in Rancho Cucamonga.

“Feedback and community engagement are critical to the success of a Community Recreation Needs Assessment,” shared Francie Palmer, CSD Marketing Manager. “We are utilizing several avenues of community outreach in order to hear from as many members of the community as possible. The information and ideas we gather during this process over the next several months will aid in creating a vision of park and recreation programs and services for the next 10 to 15 years. The RCCCommunityIdeas.com website is just one way the community can share information with us.”

-More-

The Community Recreation Needs Assessment project will include mailed, telephone, and on-line surveys and will conclude with a City Council and Park and Recreation Commission joint workshop in the summer that will share the final report and findings.

The goal is to get the community involved and use [www.RCCCommunityIdeas](http://www.RCCCommunityIdeas.com) as an on-line tool to generate and share new ideas from citizens. Others can also provide feedback and comments on those ideas submitted.

RCCCommunityIdeas.com gives contributors a chance to share new ideas, expand upon existing ideas, and give feedback on initiatives while working with city representatives on a variety of topics on-line anytime, anywhere.

The discussion will start with questions like these and branch off from there based on input:

- What recreation programs and services do you most enjoy?
- Why do you live in Rancho Cucamonga?

The site also measures and tracks participation, identifying the most interested citizens and most compelling topics. The tools make it easy for the City to communicate back with citizens as they share invaluable insights for the planning process.

For More Information - To begin using Rancho Cucamonga Community Ideas please visit, www.RCCCommunityIdeas.com. For more information please contact the City of Rancho Cucamonga Community Services Department by calling (909) 477-2760.

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FOR RELEASE: February 7, 2013

NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBER CAROL TESLEY OF CRESTLINE

Rim of the World Recreation and Park District's Board of Directors appointed Carol Tesley of Crestline, as the new director to fill Cindy Gardner's vacant position. Tesley was appointed and sworn in at the Special Board of Directors meeting, Wednesday evening, February 6th.

Tesley has lived in Crestline for 17 years and has raised 2 children who have participated in multiple youth sports programs, especially some of those offered by the District. She is an avid volunteer on the mountain and has hands-on experience with many programs and activities. When asked why she wanted to serve on the Board of Directors she responded, "I want to be involved at a broader level reaching across more of the community as a whole."

Tesley has a Bachelor of Science degree in Recreation; she was a YMCA program director responsible for youth group programs and summer day camps. As a parent she has seen her children through many mountain activities and she has served as a board member for many groups like the Southern California Camping Association, American Camping Association as well as some local clubs like the Lake Gregory Yacht Club, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts.

Rim of the World Recreation and Park District would like to welcome Carol Tesley and will look forward to her services as a member on the Board of Directors. Visit our website at www.rim-rec.org.

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Newsletter and Meeting Summary of the SANBAG Board of Directors

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FEBRUARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA:

The complete SANBAG Board of Directors Meeting Agenda is online at:

 www.sanbag.ca.gov/about/agenda.html

SANBAG BOARD BRIEFS:

► Ontario Airport Rail Access Study

The Ontario International Airport (ONT) does not currently have commuter rail access. Since the airport is close to major rail infrastructure, a passenger rail connection to the airport is feasible and would be a benefit to the traveling public, Metrolink, airport development, transit-oriented development around bus stations, and the overall local economies. SANBAG's long-term goal is to develop better connectivity between various transportation modes. The Board will release a Request for Proposal to conduct an airport rail access study.



► Local Stimulus Program nearing completion

In 2009, SANBAG created a \$31.4 million Local Stimulus Program after SANBAG received federal stimulus funds for other major projects. Funds from the local stimulus program were distributed to jurisdictions based on a per capita basis and were to be used for local transportation projects. To date, all that remains in the fund is \$2.8 million. The program will close out on March 31, 2013.

► Legislative Advocacy Group goes to Washington

The Board received an update from its Federal Advocate regarding current and pending policy actions in Washington, D.C. SANBAG has planned an advocacy trip in March to highlight the agency's priorities, including goods movement, the next surface transportation bill, project delivery tools and streamlining efforts, and multi-modal connections. The group is expected to meet with Legislators from this area, key members and staff from the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, Federal Highway Administration, and the Federal Transit Administration.

► Community Advisory Groups start in February

Community Advisory Groups (CAGs) will begin meeting in February to study various alternatives to improving the I-10 and I-15 Corridors through the county. SANBAG is conducting numerous studies to determine whether to add one HOV (High Occupancy Vehicle/ Carpool) Lane or two Express Lanes on these corridors. The general public is welcome to attend one of the CAG meetings to be held in the East Valley, West Valley, and Victorville. For information, email Public Information Officer Jane Dreher: jdreher@sanbag.ca.gov

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (COG)

► Update on COG activities

In 2012, the SANBAG Board of Directors made it a priority to enhance its role as a Council of Governments (COG). Some of the current COG functions include: intergovernmental coordination; Board discussion of regional issues; Countywide Vision planning; City-County Conference; City/County Manager's Technical Advisory Committee; Inland Empire Economic Quarterly Report; San Bernardino County Indicators Report; growth forecasting; development tracking; air quality planning; growth mitigation for congestion management; housing policy (Regional Housing Needs Assessment); endangered species and environmental mitigation; data and GIS mapping; Greenhouse Gas Inventory (Sustainable Communities Strategy); house/foreclosure prevention; energy conservation (PACE Program); Joint Solar Power purchase agreement; and traffic modeling. Some of the new COG initiatives include: Countywide Vision Work Program (Education Forum, Business-Friendly Region, Countywide Planning Effort); regional forums; air quality improvements; and an Energy Leader Program. These tasks are wide-ranging. For a description of each program, please go to the agenda link (listed above).

FEBRUARY 2013

BOARD OF DIRECTORS & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

FEB 13	General Policy Comm.	9:00 am
FEB 14	Board Study Session	9:00 am
FEB 14	Commuter Rail / Transit	10:00 am
FEB 15	Mountain/Desert	9:30 am

UPCOMING PUBLIC EVENTS

FEB 19, 20, 21 Community Advisory Groups
I-10/I-15 Corridor Studies
(see article left for more information)

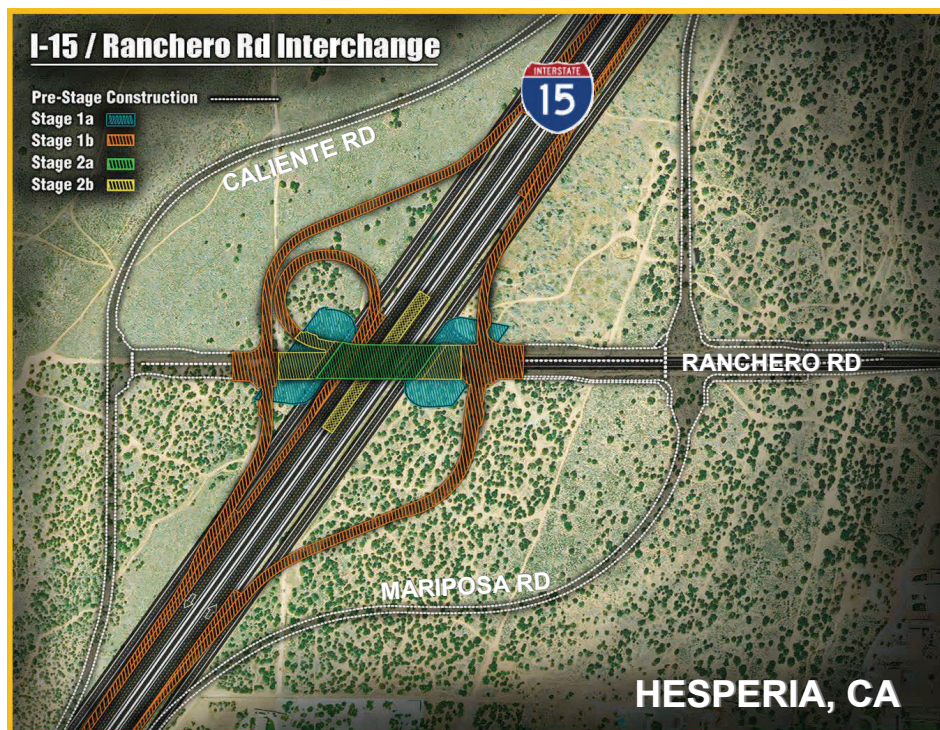
Interstate 15 / Ranchero Road Interchange Project Breaks Ground

San Bernardino Associated Governments Board President Janice Rutherford and Vice President Mike Leonard were joined by federal, state and local elected officials, City of Hesperia staff, and members of the general public on a brisk January morning in the High Desert to celebrate the start of the Interstate 15 Ranchero Road Interchange Project.

This \$59 million project is located in the City of Hesperia, California and will connect Mariposa Road and Caliente Road to Interstate 15 with a full-service interchange. Ranchero Road will consist of three through lanes in each direction along with additional turn lanes at the freeway ramp connections and intersections with two realigned frontage roads. The project will also include utility relocations, flood control improvements, traffic signal and ramp metering, grading, drainage modifications, signing and striping, traffic handling, and replacement planting.

Once complete, the project will feature the following benefits to both the community and commuters:

- ♦ **Improved access to/from I-15**
- ♦ **Enhanced operation of the freeway**
- ♦ **Reduced travel time for commuters**
- ♦ **Enhanced safety on local streets**
- ♦ **Encourage future development**



Top view map of the project area depicting possible staging plans for construction.

The celebration on January 11th marked the beginning of a two-year construction effort that complements another significant City of Hesperia endeavor, The Ranchero Road Underpass Project. Together, these two major transportation improvements will give community members from the eastern portion of the region another east/west alternative to access the freeway. In addition, Main Street to the north of Ranchero will be relieved from the heavy traffic volumes experienced during peak travel times in and out of Hesperia.

Crews have started clearing the overall construction zone for the interchange, serving as a reminder that motorists should use extreme caution when driving through the area. Changing conditions, large pieces of construction equipment, and periodic closures and detours are all going to be present during the 24 months of construction.

Information about the project can be found on the SANBAG website. People interested in receiving updates can sign up for email alerts via the project page.



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March 7, 8, 9, 14, & 15

7:00 p.m.

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Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Exclusive *Little Mermaid* merchandise will be available for purchase
before and after the show

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RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT PRESCHOOL APPRECIATES SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SHERIFF'S
DEPT.

The Rim of the World Recreation and Park District's Sunrise Children's Club (SCC) Preschool presented the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department with a specially made banner of their appreciation, on Valentine's Day, Thursday, February 14th.

The children of SCC were very excited to welcome their honored guest, Deputy Sheriff, Gaetano "Guy" Nicassio and thank him and the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department for all their protection on the mountain.

The banner said, "Thank you for keeping us Safe!" and it was decorated with the handprints from each student. On behalf of the children at the SCC preschool, the Recreation and Park District's Board of Directors, District Staff, Instructors and Program participants would also like to thank the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department for their services and "Keeping us Safe!"

Sunrise Children's Club Preschool Lic. #360910659.

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Rim of the World Recreation and Park District General Manager Karen Reams, the Sunrise Children's Club preschool students, Miss Lina and Miss "M" presents Deputy Sherriff Gaetano "Guy" Nicassio with appreciation banner made by the preschool students on February 14th.

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County battles state effort to stall Cedar Glen recovery

The County of San Bernardino is fighting on two fronts against the state's efforts to grab funding meant to rebuild fire-ravaged Cedar Glen.

The County today filed a lawsuit in Sacramento Superior Court to prevent the state Department of Finance from dispersing \$9 million in County General Fund money loaned to the Cedar Glen revitalization effort to various government agencies.

The County is also sponsoring a bill authored by State Sen. Bill Emmerson, SB 409, that would block the Department of Finance money grab and ensure these local dollars are used to help Cedar Glen recover from the 2003 Old Fire.

"The County of San Bernardino made a promise to help Cedar Glen residents rebuild their community long before the state wiped out our redevelopment projects," San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors Chair Janice Rutherford said.

"The legislation introduced by Senator Emmerson would ensure that the County can keep its commitment to the Cedar Glen community and the people who call it home," Supervisor Rutherford said.

"The residents of Cedar Glen have already been through enough. This bill will ensure that the county's resources go towards restoring a community that has been devastated by the Old Fire," Sen. Emmerson said.

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In 2005, the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors loaned \$10 million to the Cedar Glen Redevelopment Area to help build roads and a new water system needed to allow residents burned out by the Old Fire to rebuild.

When the state outlawed redevelopment last year, it required that property tax increment once used to revitalize neighborhoods and create jobs be returned and distributed to various government agencies for no specific purpose.

The state Department of Finance has directed that \$9 million in County loan proceeds be treated the same as tax increment and distributed to various government taxing agencies rather than used to rebuild Cedar Glen.

The Board of Supervisors on February 12 passed a resolution reaffirming the County's commitment to use the funding to rebuild Cedar Glen. The lawsuit filed today and Sen. Emmerson's SB 409 will assist in that effort.



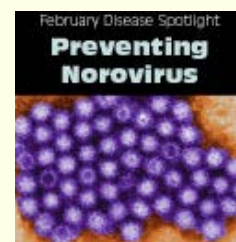
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Communicable Disease Profiles Page

We recently launched a [Communicable Disease Profiles page](#)! Starting in 2013, the Division of Environmental Health Services will be profiling a different communicable disease each month. Our goal is to raise awareness about the prevention of foodborne, waterborne, and vector-borne diseases.

[Click here to read the January 2013 – Spotlight on Campylobacter fact sheet.](#)

The "Disease of the Month" for February is Norovirus. [Click here to read the February 2013 – Spotlight on Norovirus fact sheet.](#) Please check our website in March for the next update!



New Instagram Account Launched

DEHS is now on Instagram! Our username is sbehs. We'll be posting photo examples of best practices for food facilities, how to properly handle food, and more! Please follow us on Instagram!

New Pinterest Page in Spanish Launched

DEHS recently launched a Pinterest page in Spanish! Our new site is <http://pinterest.com/sbehsESP>. We will be "pinning" to boards on food safety and foodborne illness prevention, mosquito and vector control, communicable disease profiles, pool safety and drowning prevention, and more!

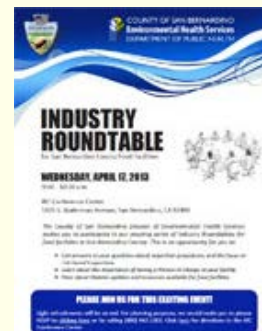


Save the Date – Industry Roundtable on April 17, 2013

The Division of Environmental Health Services invites San Bernardino County food facilities to participate in our ongoing series of Industry Roundtables. The next event will be held on Wednesday April 17, 2013 from 9:00 – 10:30 AM at the IRC Conference Center (1425 S. Waterman Avenue, San Bernardino, CA 92408). For more details, please [click here](#) to view the invitation.

Food facility representatives interested in attending the Industry Roundtable can RSVP by [clicking here](#) or by calling 1-800-442-2283. Please note: you are still more than welcome to attend the Industry Roundtable if you do not RSVP. We are asking for RSVPs for planning purposes only.

The Industry Roundtable will be an opportunity for food facility representatives to learn more about inspection procedures and the focus on risk-based inspections. DEHS staff will discuss Division updates and will highlight resources available for food facilities. Attendees will also hear about the importance of having a Person-In-Charge at their



facility. There will be a Q&A session with DEHS staff so you can get answers about program areas, inspection reports, and more.

Did You Know?

Did you know that you must have a copy of your most recent Official Inspection Report (OIR) available on your facility's premises? Any member of the general public has the right by law to request to see a copy of the most recent Official Inspection Report.



Stay Connected to DEHS with Social Media

Follow our social media sites to get the latest news on mosquito and vector control, food safety and foodborne illness prevention, pool safety and drowning prevention, and more! We are now on [Facebook](#), [Pinterest](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#), [Facebook en Español](#), [Pinterest en Español](#), [Twitter en Español](#), and [YouTube en Español](#).

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Amanda Gaspard, Health Education Specialist, at 800-442-2283 or Amanda.Gaspard@dph.sbcounty.gov.

***We appreciate the effort you make to
protect the public's health in our County.***



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YOUTH BASKETBALL PROGRAM IS IN FULL MOTION

The Rim of the World Recreation and Park District's Youth Basketball Program is in full motion. Games are held every Saturday until March 16, 2013 at Rim of the World High School. There are a wide range of players. The K-2 division, girls 3-5 divisions and boys 3-4 divisions play in the "Old Gym" beginning at 9:00 a.m. with the last game beginning at 1:00 p.m. The boys 5-6 division, girls 6-8 division and boys 7-8 division play in the "New Gym" beginning at 9:00 a.m. with the last game beginning at 3:00 p.m.

On March 23rd, the Rim of the World Recreation and Park District will host their own "March Madness" Youth Basketball Tournament in both gyms at Rim of the World High School. The tournament helps determine the winner of each division and then trophies are presented. Divisions that participate in the tournament are as follows; girls 3-5 and 6-8, boys 3-4, 5-6 and 7-8.

The Youth Basketball Program will also host the All Star games. Tuesday, March 26th boys division 5-6 will play at 6:00 p.m. and girls division 6-8 will play at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, March 28th boys division 7-8 will play at 6:00 p.m. At 7:00 p.m. the annual Coaches vs. Referees game will begin. All Star games will be held at Rim of the World High School.

For their time and generosity, ROWRPD would like to acknowledge and thank the following Youth Basketball Sponsors; Bill's Villager Coffee Shop, Brad Brier Land Surveying, Burkitt's Lock and Key, Dixon Construction Industries, Inc., Double Dog Ranch, Mile High Basketball, Remax Lakeside Realty, and Rim Printing.

For additional information contact Bob Kinzel at (909) 337-7275 or at bkinzel@rim-rec.org

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RIM of the World Recreation and Park District Coaches Mark Pierson and Ian Enderson give motivation to girls 6-8 division team Hot Shots for their first game on Opening Day, Jan. 19th.

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RIM of the World Recreation and Park District Youth Basketball girls 6-8 division sprint to make a shot, by team Ligers (blue) against team Hot Shots (gray) on Opening Day game, Jan. 19th.

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Press Releases

Water District Earns Prestigious Budget Awards

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Rancho Cucamonga, CA (2/19/2013) – The Cucamonga Valley Water District (CVWD/District) is pleased to announce the receipt of two prestigious awards for its 2012- 2013 Annual Budget document: the California Society of Municipal Finance Officers (CSMFO) Excellence in Operating Budget Award and the Governmental Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. Each year CVWD develops a budget that reflects its goals for the year in meeting customer needs while remaining good stewards of financial resources. The two awards accredit the commitment by the CVWD Board of Directors and staff to prepare a budget that meets the highest principals of governmental budgeting.

“CVWD is here to provide our customers with a high quality, reliable water supply,” commented Oscar Gonzalez, CVWD Board President. “That mission will never change, and it is represented in everything we do, including preparing and presenting our annual budget. This year’s budget represents a renewed commitment to our mission, core values and vision.”

The District is beginning its sixth year utilizing its Rolling Budget process. This process allows management staff and the Board of Directors to take a critical look at each component of the budget and review real-time revenues and expenses on a quarterly basis. Through the Rolling Budget process, each component of the budget is evaluated each fiscal quarter. This alternative approach to the budget improved the way the District does business and has been recognized as a unique and effective budget method by both the CSMFO and the GFOA.

The CSMFO is the statewide organization serving all California municipal finance professionals that promotes excellence in financial management through innovation, continuing education, and membership professional development. Its Budget Awards Program recognizes agencies that have prepared a budget document or communication tool that meets specified standards. The GFOA Award also sets high standards and guidelines for effective budget presentation on a national level. These guidelines are designed to assess how well an entity’s budget serves as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide, and a communications device.

To view CVWD’s award-winning 2012-2013 budget, visit www.cvwdwater.com or call (909) 987-2591 for more information.



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PENSION FUND REPORTS DOUBLE DIGIT RETURNS, RANKS IN TOP 20% FOR 2012

The Fund's informed rebalancing program and value focused investments boost assets to an all-time high of \$6.7 billion.

SAN BERNARDINO, CA – Today the [San Bernardino County Employees' Retirement Association](http://www.SBCERA.org) (SBCERA) reported a **14.0% return on investments** (gross of fees) in 2012, or an increase of **\$829 million**, placing the Fund in the top 20th percentile on a total return basis among its peers. On a risk adjusted basis, the Fund ranked in the 2nd percentile for the one-year period and 1st percentile for the three-year period.

For the calendar year ending December 31, 2012, SBCERA greatly outperformed its policy benchmark by 310 basis points. At the close of 2012, SBCERA reached a record \$6.7 billion in assets under management, exceeding its previous record of \$6.4 billion in October 2007. For the fiscal year, the Fund is up by 7.7% and is well-positioned to meet its actuarial assumed rate of return of 7.75% through June 30, 2013.

"The last few years have been extremely volatile. However, as long-term investors we have a major advantage – time. We can carefully choose value-focused investments that allow us to benefit from longer time horizons for investment returns," said [Donald Pierce](#), SBCERA's Chief Investment Officer (CIO). "Our performance reflects our success building a sound investment program focused on actively managing assets, diversifying into non-traditional, income-producing assets, and reducing our overall risk in order to meet long-term expectations."

Since the "financial collapse" of 2008, there has been a heightened interest in risk management and how funds can protect themselves from devastating losses like those experienced in 2008-2009. SBCERA's risk management efforts have centered on two strategies: dynamically managing its asset allocation and earning a steady stream of income by reducing its dependence on price appreciation. For example, SBCERA looks for investment opportunities that provide consistent revenue, such as rent, premiums or interest, rather than relying primarily on the purchase and sale of assets.

Since 2005, SBCERA has greatly improved its ability to actively manage assets through its informed rebalancing program. The program has evolved over time. Initially, it was used to rebalance physical assets (i.e. real estate, private equity), but in 2007 SBCERA added synthetic rebalancing to further reduce risk. Last year, the rebalancing program added \$167.8 million to the Fund, which represented nearly 20% of its gains for the year.

"We have an obligation to maintain the safety and security of the Fund on behalf of our retirees and beneficiaries. Risk is our top priority," said [Dawn Stafford](#), Chair of the Board of Retirement. "Over the last three years, our risk management efforts have paid off. SBCERA is earning favorable returns without taking as much risk as others."

For the three year period, on a risk adjusted basis, SBCERA stood out among its peers. The Fund's annualized returns for the three year period were 9.9% per year, which ranked in the 20th percentile on a total return basis. SBCERA's Alpha (a risk-adjusted measure of a fund's excess return relative to the return of the fund's benchmark index) ranked in the 1st percentile at 4.6 compared to the median public fund's value of -0.2. In addition, the Fund's Sharpe Ratio (an industry measurement for risk adjusted returns) was

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1.7, ranking in the 1st percentile for the three year period. Ultimately, both measures demonstrate that SBCERA received a much higher rate of return for each incremental unit of risk it took versus its peers.

In December, SBCERA's informed rebalancing program was recognized by [aiCIO](#) at the [2012 Industry Innovation Awards](#) in New York City. SBCERA's consultants, [M^{cube} Investment Technologies, LLC](#) and the [Russell Investment Group](#), both received Innovation Awards for the Best Active and Passive Tactical Risk Management for their AlphaEngine Software ® and Overlay Program, respectively. Both vendors received the accolades specifically for their use of these programs with SBCERA to generate positive risk adjusted returns.

M^{cube}'s AlphaEngine® measures and evaluates individual investment decisions to determine what impact they would have on the risk and return of the portfolio. Based on these tests, the software generates recommended allocation shifts within SBCERA's investment policy constraints. Then, SBCERA works with Russell Investment Group through its Overlay Program to execute the proposed changes using derivatives, but with complete transparency on execution and performance.

"Using AlphaEngine®, SBCERA has demonstrated that public pension plans, with limited staff and resources, can generate consistent value far greater than some of the best asset managers in the world at a fraction of the cost," said Arun Muralidhar, M^{cube}'s founder.

In addition to these awards, SBCERA's innovative risk management strategies and investment program were honored several times in 2012:

- **aiCIO Magazine** included CIO, Donald Pierce, in this year's ["Power 100"](#) and ["40 \[Mostly\] Under 40"](#) Chief Investment Officers from across the nation.
- CIO Donald Pierce, and Senior Investment Officer James Perry were featured on the cover of the May/June issue of aiCIO magazine, titled [Bright Lights Big Country](#).
- Nominated for **Small Public Pension Plan of the Year** by aiCIO for its [2012 Industry Innovation Awards](#).
- The **2012 Edward D. Baker III Journal Award** for the article "Dynamic Beta: Getting Paid to Manage Risks" (Journal of Investment Consulting 12, no. 2, 2011: 67–78), which provided a detailed case study about the development, implementation and review of SBCERA's Informed Rebalancing program. It was written by [Donald Pierce](#) (SBCERA CIO), [James Perry](#), (SBCERA Senior Investment Officer), Timothy Barrett (former SBCERA CIO) and Arun Muralidhar, PhD.
- Investment Officer [Amit Thanki](#) was nominated as a "**2013 Rising Star of Public Funds**" by Money Management Intelligence for its [12th Annual Public Pension Fund Awards for Excellence](#) on March 13, 2013.

"2012 was a great year for us," said Pierce. "I remain cautiously optimistic that we will finish this fiscal year on top."

[San Bernardino County Employees' Retirement Association \(SBCERA\)](#) is an award-winning multiple employer public retirement system in California with \$6.7 billion in assets under management. SBCERA administers benefits on behalf of nearly 33,000 members and beneficiaries with retirement and related benefits and services which they have earned, commensurate with their years of service and compensation. The Board of Retirement's responsibilities and functions are governed by the applicable provisions of the California Government Code, along with the By-Laws and regulations of SBCERA.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

PROM ESSENTIALS WANTED FOR FOSTER YOUTH
Donate New or Gently Used Prom Attire

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. – (Tuesday, February 18, 2013) – Children’s Fund, in partnership with San Bernardino County Children and Family Services’ Independent Living Program, is requesting donations of new or gently used prom dresses, in all sizes, for the foster youth who are planning to attend their prom.

“Together we host a Prom Extravaganza for senior foster youth,” states Kristin Williams, programs manager of Children’s Fund. “Prom is an experience that every senior should be able to attend. At the Extravaganza community volunteers assist the youth with tips for hair, nails, make-up, how to tie a tie and are taught the proper etiquette for formal events.” The event concludes with each foster youth receiving a prom dress or tuxedo rental certificate.

Donations of items to help fill raffle baskets are also appreciated – curling irons, hair straightener, hair spray, brushes, perfumes, cologne, etc.

Start your spring cleaning early, and give a foster youth a memorable prom experience. Donations are being accepted at Children’s Fund, 348 W. Hospitality Lane, Suite 110, San Bernardino, CA 92408 through February 28, 2013. Or, you can make a monetary donation, and Children’s Fund will do the shopping for you. Donations can be made at the office, or online at www.childrensfundonline.org.

Created in 1986, Children’s Fund is a non-profit whose mission is to prevent child abuse in our community; to ensure that at-risk children who are abused, neglected, impoverished, or abandoned receive adequate food, shelter, clothing, medical care and education; and to provide equal opportunity for social development for these children. For more information on Children’s Fund or how you can give hope for brighter tomorrows in the life of a child, please visit Children’s Fund’s website at www.childrensfundonline.org or call 909.379.0000. Follow us on Facebook: <http://on.fb.me/W4Wymf>

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